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SUBJECT: MTN FALL SCHEDULE

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1. A DEFINITIVE SCHEDULE OF FORMAL GROUP AND SUBGROUP
MEETINGS WAS AGREED TO TODAY IN A 77 MEETING AT THE
GATT ATTENDED BY SOME 20 DEVELOPED AND DEVELOPING COUN-
TRIES. THIS SCHEDULE RESULTS FROM A U.S. INITIATIVE TO
THE GATT SECRETARIAT FOLLOWED BY CONSULTATIONS AMONG THE
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BIG 3 AND WITH OTHER DEVELOPED COUNTRIES WHO SUPPORTED
THE JULY 13 "FRAMEWORK OF UNDERSTANDING".

2. THE DIRECTOR GENERAL WILL TRANSMIT TO ALL MTN PARTI-
CIPANTS TOMORROW AN AIRGRAM OUTLINING THE TOKYO ROUND
WORK PROGRAM WITH SPECIFIC MEETINGS SCHEDULED DURING THE
WEEKS OF SEPTEMBER 11 AND 18. THE DG'S NOTE WILL INDICATE

THAT FORMAL GROUP AND SUBGROUP MEETINGS WILL BE REPEATED AT APPROXIMATELY THE SAME RYTHM (I.E. EVERY 7 TO 10 DAYS) IN THE SUCCEEDING WEEKS THROUGH OCTOBER WITH SPECIFIC DATES TO BE FIXED BY THE GROUP AT THEIR INITIAL SESSIONS IN SEPTEMBER.

3. TO IMPROVE THE EFFICIENCY OF THE TOTAL NEGOTIATING PROCESS THE FORMAL MEETINGS WILL BEGIN DAILY AT 3:00 PM LEAVING THE MORNINGS FREE FOR BILATERAL, PLURILATERAL AND OTHER NEGOTIATING AND DRAFTING SESSIONS. AS NEEDED THE AFTERNOON SESSIONS WILL EXTEND ON INTO THE EVENING AS LONG AS FRUITFUL DISCUSSIONS CONTINUE.

4. THE DG ALSO POINTED OUT THAT OTHER GROUP SESSIONS NOT INITIALLY SCHEDULED (I.E. TARIFFS, GROUP AGRICULTURE, AND THE SUBGROUPS DAIRY, MEAT, AND GRAINS) ARE BEING SCHEDULED SOMEWHAT LATER AFTER CONSULTATION WITH DELEGATIONS ON THE APPROPRIATE TIMING FOR THESE SESSIONS. CANADA INDICATED IT MIGHT ALSO PROPOSE A MEETING OF GROUP SECTORS AT A LATER DATE.

5. THE INITIAL SCHEDULE OF FORMAL MEETINGS FOR SEPTEMBER IS AS FOLLOWS:

MONDAY 11 SEPTEMBER
GROUP "NON-TARIFF MEASURES"
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TUESDAY 12 SEPTEMBER
SUBGROUP "CUSTOMS MATTERS"

WEDNESDAY 13 SEPTEMBER
SUBGROUP "GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT"

THURSDAY 14 SEPTEMBER
SUBGROUP "QUANTITATIVE RESTRICTIONS AND LICENSING"

FRIDAY 15 SEPTEMBER
SUBGROUP "TECHNICAL BARRIERS TO TRADE"

MONDAY 18 SEPTEMBER
SUBGROUP "SUBSIDIES AND COUNTERVAILING DUTIES"

TUESDAY 19 SEPTEMBER
(GROUP SUBSIDIES/CVD FOLLOW-UP IF NEEDED)

WEDNESDAY 20 SEPTEMBER
GROUP "SAFEGUARDS"

THURSDAY 21 SEPTEMBER
GROUP "FRAMEWORK"

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